Murder of coal miners

1314. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some coal miners were lynched to death and their bodies were burnt by musclemen and goondas at the West Bokaro Coal mines near Charahi recently;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into the incidents; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) A clash occurred on 16th April, 1988 between two groups of labourers (not coal miners) employed as loaders by buyers of slurry from the Tailing Ponds of the Washery attached to the West Bokaro Colliery of M/s. TISCO which is not a Govt. company. In the clash, 7 persons were killed, including one who died due to burn injuries. 19 others received injuries. Some huts were also set on fire. The local police has registered a case and 13 persons have been arrested. An armed picket has been posted to maintain law and order. The situation is now reported to be under control.

Petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam

1315. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the setting up of the Petrochemical industry at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Central Goverment for sanction and clearance;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in giving the clearance; and

(c) by when the project would be cleared by Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) M/s Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. have submitted a report for the setting up of a Petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam. A view on the various techno-economic aspects such as product pattern, financial out-lay etc. is yet to be taken.

Purchase of push button Telephone Instruments by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

1316. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has recently purchased a large number of push button telephone instruments from private manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what are the names and addresses of the firms from which these purchases were made and at what prices?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the statement which is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Purchase orders for Push Button Telephones have been placed by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited on the following Public Sector, Joint Sector and Private Companies at the lowest uniform rate of Rs. 794.00 and Rs.8 26.25 for D.T.M.F. type and Decadic type instruments, respectively (exclusively of Excise Duty and Sales Tax).

1. M/s. Punjab Wireless Ltd., Sector-8 C. Chandigarh.

2. M/s. Swede India, 87, M. G. Road, Bangalore.

3. M/s. Haryana Telecommunications Ltd., A/23, New Shopping Com-

plex, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024.

4. M/s. Bharti Telecom. Ltd., 15th Floor, Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi.

5. M/s. Keltron Telephone Instruments Ltd., Community Hall, Chadranagar, Palghat (Kerala).

6. M/s. Priyaraja Enterprises, 364, Swamy Clinic Building, Krishnagaragapuram Extension, Banglore, 560036.

7. M|s. Telematics, 23, Chockalinga Nagar, Teyanampet, Madras-600086.

8. M/s. Rajasthan Telephone Industries Ltd., 40-41, Bhilwara Bhavan, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110065.

9. M|s. Unitel Communication Ltd., A-163, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007.

10. M/s. Gujarat Communications, 8 Electronic Ltd., A. 67$6/65 G.I.D.C., Electronics Estate, Gandhinagar-382015.

11. M/s. Pulsar Eelectronics Ltd., 20, Marshalls Road, Madras-600008.

12. M/s. Webel, 225 E, Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Road, Calcutta 700020.

13. M/s.Crompton Greaves, 1, Dr. V. B. Gandhi Marg, Bombay-400023.

14. M/s. L'AVENIR telecom Ltd., 5-D, Samart Office Complex, Saifabad, Hyderabad (A.P.)

15. M/s. Set Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd.; 299, M. V. Road, Bombay-400072.

16. M/s. Texton Telecom., 7270-71, Old Rohtak Road, Azad Market Chowk, Delhi-110008.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की कम्पनियों द्वारा खनन पट्टा

1317 **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड से संबंधित कंपनियां खानों में बालू भरने के लिए राज्य सरकारों से खनन पट्टा ले लेती हैं और बालू खनन एवं ढुलाई का कार्य ठेकेदारों से करवाती हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि तदर्थ ठेके की शर्तों में यह उपबंध है कि ठेकेदार अपने कामगरों को वही वेतन और सुविधाएं प्रदान करेंगे जो इन कम्पनियों के कामगारों को प्राप्त हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार की जानकारी में ऐसे मामले आये हैं जिनमें ठेकेदार अपने कामगारों को पर्याप्त वेतन और सुविधाएं प्रदान नहीं करते हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार कम मजदूरी देने वाले ठेकेदारों तथा कामगारों के हितों का ध्यान न रखने वाले अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में कोयला विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी हां । भूमिगत खानों में रेत भराई के एकीकरण और परिवहन का अधिकांश काम ठेकेदारों को दिया जाता है ।

(ख) ठेके पर रखे गए ठेकेदारों की मजदूरी और उन्हें दी जाने वाली सुविधाओं को उनकी नियुक्ति की शर्तों के अनुसार विनियमित किया जाता है और यह शर्तें निःसन्देह न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम, ठेका श्रम (विनियमन एवं उन्मूलन) अधिनियम और अन्य संगत कानूनों के अनुरूप होती हैं । ठेके पर रखे गए श्रमिकों के मामले में कंपनियों की भूमिका, ठेका श्रम (विनियमन एवं उन्मूलन) अधिनियम के अधीन मुख्य नियोक्ता को सौंपे गए कार्यों/उत्तरदायित्व तक ही सीमित रहती हैं ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) राज्यों की सरकारों और केन्द्रीय सरकार की एजेन्सियों संगत श्रम